The Member next dwelt upon the necessity of improving the following means of communication, *viz*:—

1. The Kayankulam-Thottapalli road formed part of the Alleppey-Quilon road. Its improvement formed the first item in the programme of work for the Quilon Division. But nothing was done towards the improvement of the road. The total length of the road was 12 miles of which 3 miles at Haripad had been metalled already, so that there remained only 9 miles to be metalled.

2. The Karthikapalli-Thrikunnapuzha road should be improved, and the bridges on it constructed or repaired.

3. The Haripad-Elanjimel road should be clearly marked and the bund on it between Haripad and Pallipad with the bridge at its middle should be repaired, as also the bund between Pallipad and Chennithala. Two ferry-boats also were necessary to take passengers across the river at Pallipad.

4. The blocked-up portions of the Mundattumkarathodu should be opened and the Tanathodu should be straightened and deepened.

Mr. C. Thomas (Member, T. I. C., Haripad) represented the following needs,—

1. Widening and deepening of the Tanathodu. Funds for those purposes had already been sanctioned. The work had to be expedited.

2. The improvement of the Mavelikara-Thrikunnapuzha road, and the widening and deepening of the Pulikeezh river so as to allow the passage of steam boats between Alleppey and Quilon.

3. The Kartikapalli Higher Grade Vernacular School for girls was held in a hired building which was situated in an inconvenient and damp locality. A *thanathu chitta* land had been given for putting up a school-building and provision made in the budget for the purpose. The Member requested that the work might be begun at once or that a temporary shed at least be put up there and the school removed to that place.

4. An English school for girls at the place was another desideratum.

He also suggested that the improvement of the Tanathodu, the repairs to the Mavelikara-Thrikunnapuzha road and the widening and deepening of the Pulikeezh river might be left to the Town Improvement Committee, Haripad, and the necessary funds transferred to them.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

159. Needs of the Mavelikara taluk.

Mr. P. Jacob Kurien (Member, Nominated) strongly urged the necessity of opening an English school for girls at Mavelikara and said that the people were prepared to put up the building, if Government would grant a site.

He also requested that the *thodu* from the Kulakkada river to Thazhakkara *padom* might be broadened and deepened. It was useful for about 400 *paras* of paddy lands. The Kulakkada river at Tharayamuku should also be broadened and deepened.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

160. Certain urgent needs of the town of Mavelikara.

Mr. N. G. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Mavelikara) said that the first need of the taluk was the opening of a school for girls at Mavelikara. The people were prepared either to give a site or put up the building required for the school, but were unable to do both as demanded by the Department. He requested, therefore, that arrangements might be made to have the school opened from the beginning of the next school year.

He next represented that the *thodu* from the Prayikara river to the Pamba river *via* Kuttemperur was becoming silted up owing to the southern bank of the

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